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Docket No.: 050395-0243

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Masaaki HIRANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/750,864	:	Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: January 05, 2004	:	Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD		

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 22, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-24) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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